

REMARKS

It is noted, with appreciation, that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-14 and 16-22 of the present application. With respect to claim 15, the Examiner will note that claim 15 has been amended so that it is now dependent upon claim 12 rather than claim 13, as suggested by the Examiner.

In view of the present amendment it is now believed the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly reconsideration of the rejection of claim 15 and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Joseph A. Kolasch (Reg. No. 22,463) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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